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**PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ~ NOVEMBER 2009**  
**For up to date info visit our website at [www.whspfa.org](http://www.whspfa.org)**

**From the Office of Principal Tom Gwin**

In the November, 2008 newsletter I wrote that Town Meeting had approved the funding of \$1.35 million for Phase 1 of the Manchester Field Restoration Project. Phase 1 included a new synthetic turf, multi-sport playing field at Manchester Field and new 800-seat bleachers on the hill adjacent to the field. I also wrote, "It is hoped that the field will be ready for the Thanksgiving Day football game in 2009." I am very pleased to report that Phase 1 will be complete in early November and the Winchester High football team will play Woburn High on Turkey Day! We may even see some post season play on the new field for our playoff bound fall varsity teams. I would like to thank Athletic Director Brian Carroll for spearheading the effort for this project, and the Winchester Field Development Council (WFDC) for securing over \$240,000 in private funds to complete Phase 1. The high school community is delighted that our students will have a state-of-the-art facility to host home competitions.

With construction of Phase 1 almost complete, the WFDC is focusing its efforts on raising private funds for Phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 includes a new eight-lane track with a natural sod field at Manchester Field. The high school has been without a track facility and has not hosted a home track meet in years. Check out the WFDC's website <http://www.wfdc.net/> to see how you can contribute to the project. The WFDC will also host an Autumn Auction fundraiser on Saturday, November 14, 7 pm at Town Hall. You can purchase tickets for this event on the website. The Thanksgiving Day game should be a fantastic event and I hope to see you there!

The high school is hosting two other special events in November. The Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community (formerly the Substance Abuse Coalition) is hosting an Evening with Michael Fowlin on Monday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in the WHS auditorium. Dr. Fowlin will present an exciting program on the issues of race, discrimination, violence prevention, personal identity, and inclusion. Dr. Fowlin performed at McCall last year and received rave reviews. The sophomores and juniors will see Dr. Fowlin's performance on November 17. The Class of 2010 is sponsoring a presentation by Captain Richard Phillips on November 17, 2009 at the McCall Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Captain Phillips is a WHS alumni and a Massachusetts Maritime Academy graduate. He was Captain of the Maersk Alabama when Somali pirates hijacked his ship and held him hostage for 5 days in April 2009. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at Book Ends or at the Main Office at Winchester High School. You can also send an e-mail to reserve your tickets at [WHSclassof2010info@gmail.com](mailto:WHSclassof2010info@gmail.com). The proceeds from this event will benefit the Winchester Hospital Cancer Care Center, as designated by Captain Phillips, and the WHS Class of 2010.

**MESSAGE FROM SRO STEPHEN PALMER**

The Winchester Police Department is proud to sponsor a Child Safety & Protection Day on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st FROM 10:00 A.M. ~ 2:00 p.m. at the Winchester Police Department.

Child safety is one of the primary concerns of parents today. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), as many as one million children are reported missing every year.

Sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, there will be a FREE Child ID program available to all families who attend. A New York Life agent will work with you to put together a Child ID CD that includes a digital photo and fingerprints of your child. (To participate, each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.) This CD gathers important information in one easy-to-store format that is of great help to police in an emergency. Neither New York Life nor the police department will retain the information or use copies of the Child ID CD created for your family.

**CLASS NEWS**

**"HERO OF THE HIGH SEAS"**

The Class of 2010 proudly presents Captain Richard Phillips to come and speak on November 17, 2009 at the McCall Middle School Auditorium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at Book Ends or at the Main Office at Winchester High School. You can also send an e-mail to reserve your tickets at [WHSclassof2010info@gmail.com](mailto:WHSclassof2010info@gmail.com). The proceeds from this event will benefit the Winchester Hospital Cancer Care Center and the WHS Class of 2010. As always, your support is so greatly appreciated.

Captain Phillips graduated from Winchester High School in 1973 and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1979. He was Captain of the Maersk Alabama when Somali pirates hijacked his ship and held him hostage for 5 days in April 2009. Please come and hear Captain Phillips compelling story on the high seas. It is sure to be an incredible WOW!!

**Junior Class News**

The WHS Junior Class is holding the annual Wilson Farm Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser!!! This year's pie choices include Apple Hi-Pie, Pumpkin, Blueberry Hi-Pie, Mince, Pecan, Boston Cream, Chocolate Cream, Lemon Meringue and more. All pies cost \$12 and must be ordered by Wednesday, Nov. 11th. Pick up will be on Tuesday, Nov. 24th in the high school cafeteria between 2:30 and 5:00PM.

Order forms are available in this newsletter and at the Main Office. Please order your pies early and support your favorite Junior! All proceeds will support the Class of 2011 senior year activities.

WHS blankets are still available for \$25! Keep warm at the next football game! Contact [kate.wendell@gmail.com](mailto:kate.wendell@gmail.com).

The annual Witches Woods outing will be held Thursday, October 26.

The successful Squash Barn Restoration Project will be an ongoing Community Service project for the Junior Class. Please encourage your Junior to get involved!

The Prom Committee has held their first meeting. It is not too late to get involved and help in the planning of this memorable senior year event. Contact a Junior Class Officer for details.

Please support the /Wilson Farm Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser!!! The Class of 2011 thanks you!

## SAVE THE NEW DATE/RESERVED SEATING FOR: MICHAEL FOWLIN RETURNING TO WINCHESTER

After rave reviews last year from students, teachers and parents alike, the Winchester Public Schools is pleased to announce the return of nationally recognized clinical psychologist and actor, Dr. Michael Fowlin. On November 16 and 17, Dr. Fowlin will be presenting leveled programs to grades 3-5, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10-11<sup>th</sup>, as well as a *performance for all Winchester parents on the evening of Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium.* (The evening performance was previously announced as happening on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to note the change of date.)

Dr. Michael Fowlin, better known as Mykee, is no stranger to the stage. He has been formally acting since age 11, but started creating voices (via prank calling) at age 9. In addition to his talents on stage, he has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Evangel University, in Springfield, Missouri, and in the fall of 2001, he attained a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Rutgers University. Oddly enough, he suffers from delusions of grandeur, for, while performing, he is convinced that every audience member is his patient.

His programs combine both his professional acting talents and his psychological training. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, towards all people. He has worked extensively with all age groups in the United States and in other countries. His work has included peer mediation, diversity trainings, gender equity workshops, and violence prevention seminars.

Last year, over 300 parents attended his evening performance. Given the parental enthusiasm for his programs, and the impact we saw after his presentation to the McCall Middle School last year, we expect a very heavy turnout for the evening presentation. **Seating in the high school auditorium is limited; reserved seating for the parent's session on Monday evening November 16<sup>th</sup> is available until November 13<sup>th</sup> by emailing Enrichment Coordinator Anne Marie Hill at [hill.davis@comcast.net](mailto:hill.davis@comcast.net), with the subject line "Michael Fowlin."**

We hope that you can join us for this very special evening.

**\*\*Dr. Fowlin's presentation is being jointly sponsored by the Elementary, McCall Middle, and Winchester High School Parent's Associations, the Winchester Coalition For A Safer Community, and Parent to Parent. For more information on Dr. Fowlin's programs, please visit his website at [www.michaelfowlin.com](http://www.michaelfowlin.com).**

## PFA NEWS

### President's Letter

November is bringing some amazing people to Winchester – you may have already seen one of them, you have almost certainly heard of another and you are going to want to meet them all.

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at WHS actor/psychologist **Michael Fowlin** will give adults a taste of the program he will be presenting to our students during the day. Fowlin slips in and out of a variety of characters through an astonishing performance that is aimed at creating an atmosphere of inclusion towards all people. Dr. Fowlin came to McCall last year, and as one of the 300+ adults who saw him, I can promise you won't want to miss this year's event. (This performance was previously announced as happening on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to note the change of date.)

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, McCall Middle School, **WHS graduate Captain Richard Phillips** will share his story of being held hostage at sea for five days by Somali pirates. Phillips graduated from WHS in 1973 and has made few public appearances since his rescue last spring. He is returning to Winchester for an event to raise money for this year's senior class events and for the Winchester Hospital Cancer Care Center.

Also on next month's schedule is the chance to meet some student leaders in the WHS community, those who are involved in the Connect & Commit program. Mark this date on your calendar as well:

- November 4th, 7:30 pm, PFA meeting, WHS library, Connect & Commit coordinator Kristen Ritchie will talk about community service-learning. Student leaders will join her, explaining the projects currently underway at WHS and how those projects are impacting the community around us.

**I think Dr. Fowlin, Captain Phillips and our own students share an important characteristic - each is determined to stand up for what is right. November looks like a fascinating month to me, I hope you can attend each of these evening events.**

### The WHS PFA 2009-2010 Direct Appeal

To those who have already contributed to this year's Direct Appeal – **Thank you!**

To those who have not yet made a contribution, please consider doing so today. **Early contributions are encouraged to help us plan for this year's needs.**

The **\$36,000** budgeted to be raised this year through the Direct Appeal (same budget as last year) will enable the PFA to continue to benefit all students and teachers at WHS by covering the cost of many important programs and supplies not included in the high school budget. In recent years, Direct Appeal funds have been used to provide grants to all WHS academic departments, the school library, and many extracurricular, enrichment, and support programs for your students. **Your contributions are important to our school community, are needed to help us meet our budget, and are most appreciated! Please consider a donation today.**

The PFA's goal is to raise Direct Appeal funds through the contributions of 100% of WHS families. We hope to increase this year's participation rate. Although a contribution of any amount is very much appreciated, we ask that each family consider making a one-time contribution for this school year of \$75.00 or more, which includes PFA dues.

Name of WHS Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to the WHS PFA may be sent to **Joanne O'Donnell, 9 Pierrepont Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Thank you for your participation!**

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WHS Guidance Department*



*November 2009*

**Plan Now for Free College Goal Sunday**

**College Goal Sunday** is a volunteer-driven effort to provide free assistance to students and families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). The program is supported and administered by a volunteer committee comprised of members of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA). College Goal Sunday workshops will be held at 17 locations across the state. To learn more about how to participate, go to: [www.MassCollegeGoalSunday.org](http://www.MassCollegeGoalSunday.org). This includes specific information about current site locations, coordinator contact information and site directions.

**NCAA Eligibility**

High school athletes who would like to participate in any sport at an NCAA Division I or II school must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Eligibility requirements change from year to year, but the current requirements are 16 core courses in the following areas:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science, including one lab
- 1 additional year of English, Math or Science
- 2 years of Social Studies
- 4 years of additional core courses from any of the areas mentioned above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion, or philosophy.

It is the student-athlete's responsibility to register with the Clearinghouse, preferably during their junior year. Students may register and obtain additional information on the Web at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

**Start the Financial Aid Process...Get Your PIN**

Although the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) cannot be filed until after January 1, 2010, seniors and their parents planning to apply for financial aid can get a **PIN** (Personal Identification Number) now which will be used to electronically sign the **FAFSA** when completing and filing the application online. Applying for a **PIN** now will avoid holding up the process of filing the **FAFSA** online after January 1, since it takes 7-10 days to receive the **PIN** by mail. To obtain a **PIN**, students will need to supply their name, social security number, date of birth and mailing address and submit the **PIN** request. Parents of a dependent student must also request a **PIN**, since both parent and student must sign the **FAFSA**. To obtain the **PIN**, go to: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

**Senior Parents**

If you missed the Financial Aid Workshop held at Winchester High School on October 7, 2009, please visit [www.MEFA.org](http://www.MEFA.org) to view the presentation provided by MEFA or to attend a Financial Aid seminar hosted by MEFA. Workbooks are available in the Guidance Office.

**MIT's Splash Weekend**

The weekend before Thanksgiving is known as "Splash Weekend" at MIT, an event that has taken place every year since 1988. This year Splash Weekend will be held on November 21 & 22, 2009. It is expected that over one thousand high school and middle school students will converge on the MIT campus where MIT students and other local college students teach lectures, workshops and seminars on everything from Duct Tape Design to Algebraic Number Theory to Harry Potter. This year Splash online registration will open around November 1 and is available until Splash Weekend. For more information, visit the MIT Web site, and look under the Educational Studies Program (ESP).

**Out-of-State Tuition Break Through RSP**

The New England Board of Higher Education's (NEBHE) Regional Student Program (RSP) gives thousands of New England college students a significant out-of-state tuition break each year when they enroll in approved degree programs at out-of-state public colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Through the RSP, the New England states cooperate to share academic programs offered by their public higher education institutions and provide eligible New England residents with a tuition break when they pursue approved programs not offered by their home-state public colleges and universities. The NEBHE website [www.nebhe.org](http://www.nebhe.org) features comprehensive RSP information.

**New College Financing Tool**

The U.S. Department of Education has announced a new online tool to help students and families financially prepare for college before a student's senior year of high school. The **FAFSA4caster** provides parents with an early estimate of their eligibility for federal student aid, including grants, reduces the time it will take to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) and clarifies the financial aid process for students and parents. To use the **FAFSA4caster**, go to: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and click on the link to **FAFSA4caster**.

**IMPORTANT: Notice to College-bound Seniors and their Parents:**

**Please be sure to adhere to the Guidance Office Deadlines when requesting transcripts. In order for transcripts to reach colleges on time, it is critical that the Transcript Request Forms be submitted by the specified deadline.**

## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

### **The Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition has a new name!**

**The Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community** would like you to know about a 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey: This year the Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be administered to grades 6-12 in November as approved by the school committee. There will be a **Parents Informational Meeting October 26th at 7:00 p. m. in the McCall Library**. This will be an opportunity to ask questions with regard to content, logistics and the impact the data has had on school and town initiatives. Parents who have previously had children participate in the survey will also be on hand to answer questions. A participation letter will be mail to all McCall and WHS parents/guardians via first class mail on Monday. Parents/Guardians who have questions or concerns with regard to their child's participation can also view the survey online on the Winchester School District Home Page. Parents/Guardians are also welcome to see the survey at the Superintendent's Office, McCall, WHS or the Winchester Board of Health office.

### **The Dandelion Project: An Evening of Sharing**

Come to the Social Studies Department on Thursday evening, November 5th from 7 to 8 in the evening and learn about the Dandelion Project from students and teachers who traveled there last summer. The Dandelion Project is a program begun four years ago by Margie Harvey, the Director of Social Studies. In this program, students prepare English lessons in anticipation of their trip to China at the end of the school year. In the past, students have left Winchester the day school ends and headed for China. They stay at the Dandelion School for one week during their trip, teaching English to middle school children at this school. This school is special in that it was founded a little more than five years ago by Ms. Hong Zheng to educate the children of migrant workers living in the Beijing area. There is more information on this program on the Social Studies website off of the Winchester High School home page. In addition to living and teaching at this school for one week, students travel in Beijing and Xian, visiting important historic and cultural sites in both cities.

Come and learn more about our more recent trip from students and get details on the trip being planned for the spring of 2010.

### **FIRST MEETING OF LANGUAGE-BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES GROUP**

Parents in the Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SPEDPAC) are forming a group for parents of children of all ages who have language-based learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the McCall Middle School Library. If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this group, please join us on November 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to add your name to our e-mail list, please contact either Kim Lazarus at [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net) or Amy Kraft at [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net).

### **Hosting Opportunity**

As many of you know, for two weeks last month, WHS students and families hosted 32 students from IES Márques de Suanzes, our partner high school in Madrid, Spain. The exchange was extremely successful, and the student hosts from WHS are counting down the days until they leave for Spain in April to complete the exchange!

The exchange with WHS is so popular with students at IES Márques de Suanzes, that we are unable to accommodate all of the Spanish students interested in coming to WHS by only hosting them every other year. In order to allow as many Spanish students as possible to share this experience, we are honoring their request to accommodate another group for two weeks next September! We are looking for students who will be juniors and seniors at WHS September of 2010 who would be interested in hosting a student from Madrid. Unfortunately, the full exchange will continue to be every other year, but hopefully, this will allow for more WHS students to participate in an extremely rewarding cultural exchange.

**Hosting responsibilities include providing a bed, meals and transportation to and from school. First priority will be given to students studying Spanish but all are encouraged to participate. Please contact Betsy Kean for more information at [bkean@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:bkean@winchester.k12.ma.us) or [whspanishexchange@yahoo.com](mailto:whspanishexchange@yahoo.com).**

### **CONNECT AND COMMIT Service Club Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the WHS Library**

You can sign up for the opportunities listed below at the weekly meetings or in the Connect and Commit office, which is in the library of the high school. If you have questions about Connect and Commit, visit Kristen Ritchie, Program Director, in the Connect and Commit Office or contact Kristen via email [kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:kritchie@winchester.k12.ma.us) or phone 781-721-7020 x1999. This year, each month will have a theme. Each meeting that month as well as the additional service activities and events, will relate to that specific topic. For the month of November, we will be focusing on Hunger and Homelessness. Below are events and other activities that the students have planned around these issues.

#### **November: Hunger & Homelessness**

**Tuesday Nov. 3rd-** At the Connect & Commit Club meeting, students will get an introduction to the topics of hunger and homelessness from their peers including some fun and engaging activities that will help students to better understand what it is like to be homeless and/or hungry.

**Tuesday Nov. 10th-** At the Connect & Commit Club meeting, students will see clips from the movies *Homeless to Harvard* and *Have you seen CLEM?* and have a chance to reflect and discuss the films.

**Saturday Nov. 14th-** Connect & Commit will host the second annual **Thanksgiving-Away Drive** in the WHS Cafeteria from 10am-3pm. We will be collecting everything from clothes and food to bedding and books. (Please see below for a more specific list) These items will then be donated to several local charities in need of assistance. We will have special assistance from the fifth graders at the Lincoln school, but we will also be looking for student and parent volunteers to help.

**Tuesday Nov. 17th-** The Connect & Commit Club will be hosting a special **Hunger Banquet** open to all students at our meeting from 6:30-8pm. Through the banquet, students will learn more about the picture of global hunger.

**Tuesday Nov. 24th-** At the Connect & Commit Club meeting, students will have a chance to reflect on what they've learned and share experiences that they had providing service related to the issues of hunger and homelessness.

There will be community service opportunities on weekends in November related to the topics of hunger and homelessness, more specifics will be available through the Connect & Commit office in the coming weeks. Also, if you or your family are interested in engaging in community service on Thanksgiving, please contact Kristen Ritchie for ideas.

**Thanksgiving-Away Drive-** We will be holding a collection drive for the goods listed below in the WHS Cafeteria on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. We hope that you will clean out your closets and help us collect these goods for local charities.

- cell phones
- food
- eye glasses
- new or gently used toys (no stuffed animals please)
- clothes
- bedding
- sneakers
- housewares
- bikes
- sports equipment
- books
- furniture
- school supplies
- arts and crafts supplies
- toiletries

#### **Upcoming Service**

On Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, Connect & Commit and the Winchester Youth Center will be hosting a **Blood Drive**. Students 16 and older are eligible to participate. A sign-up sheet and waivers will be available in the Connect & Commit office in mid November.



*Winchester Youth Center, 4158R Main Street, Winchester MA 01890, 781-721-0906, [www.winyc.com](http://www.winyc.com)*

*All of the WYC leadership programs, special events, and service-learning projects are open to all WHS students. Anyone who is interested in doing something good in the community, being a role model for others, working and hanging out with other great kids, and making good decisions should check out the WYC!*

### **LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### **Peer Leadership Program**

The WYC Peer Leaders are a group of Winchester High School students who are committed to their community and serving as role models for all Winchester teens. The Peer Leaders meet on Monday evenings to work on further developing their leadership, communication, interpersonal, and decision-making skills; plan for upcoming projects; and have a lot of fun. They staff the Drop-in Center after school and serve as Project Leaders for all of the WYC's service-learning projects including all of our special events and community service projects. This group is open to any WHS student who has natural leadership skills and the desire to further develop them. Anyone interested in joining this awesome group is welcome to contact the WYC for more information.

#### **SSA: Students Spreading Awareness**

SSA is the WYC's peer education group for Winchester High School students. The mission of this group is "to inspire positive change in our world and provide opportunities for students to become active in the community. We identify issues of concern that we feel our peers are uninformed about and spread awareness in unique and interactive ways." Throughout this school year we'll be focusing our efforts on issues as diverse as the war in Iraq, drinking and driving, local and world hunger, AIDS, sexual health, and the genocide in Darfur. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact the WYC.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** - Throughout the year the WYC runs a ton of different special events in an effort to provide WHS students with great alcohol & drug-free alternatives. It's all part of the Peer Leaders' commitment to helping their peers make good decisions!

#### **Rock for Youth**

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00-11:00pm - \$10 admission - No outside drinks - No re-entry

Proceeds benefit the Harrison Chadwick Youth Service Award Scholarships

**SERVICE PROJECTS** - Throughout the year the WYC Peer Leaders coordinate and participate in a huge variety of community service projects. The Peer Leaders are committed to making a positive difference in the world and encouraging others to do the same. If you're interested in doing something good for our community, stop by the WYC and find out how you can get involved.

**WYC Jewels** - Original creations all designed by the Peer Leaders - Made from recycled materials, glass and metal beads, pearls, turquoise, and more - Our earrings, bracelets, and necklaces make great holiday presents - Stop by the WYC to see what we've created or come to an upcoming jewelry party - All proceeds benefit our youth development programs

**Woburn Food Pantry, Lowell Wish Project, Animal Rescue League** - The Peer Leaders are collecting donations for these local charities - Please stop by the WYC any day from 2:00-5:00 to drop off any of the following items: Non-perishable foods, Lightly used pots & pans, jeans & sweatshirts, winter jackets & outerwear, and baby gear, Clean cotton bath towels, laundry detergent, and new dog & cat toys

**Habitat for Humanity** - The Peer Leaders are currently planning for their fifth annual week-long Habitat for Humanity trip - Please contact us if you would like to make a donation toward this amazing service-learning experience

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Winchester Friends of Art

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual BACK-TO-SCHOOL Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students. The pieces in this show were selected by a panel of independent artists from hundreds of submissions of student work. Twenty eight children from our five elementary schools, the McCall Middle School, and Winchester High School are represented in the show.

In addition, Friends of Art is sponsoring a sale of Beautiful, Crazy, Colorful, Weird and Wonderful masks created by members of the Winchester Artists Network to benefit art programs in our schools. Please come to the Winchester Farmer's Market on Saturday October 31 to see the masks and make a purchase.

The Winchester Friends of Art is a non profit 501(c)(3), volunteer organization that supports the Winchester Public Schools' art department. The group is made up of teachers, community members, and parents. We welcome all those with a passion for art and education! For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com).

### PARENT TO PARENT BOOK GROUP

Join us on Thursday, November 5th for our second book group discussion on [Staying Connected to Your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying](#) by Michael Riera, PhD. (Parenting expert on CBS' The Early Show.) The meeting will be held in Winchester Public Library Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Described as the parenting bible for the teenage years, this book of sage advice will help frustrated parents reconnect with their teenager, and keep that connection even in today's hectic world. Family psychologist Mike Riera provides strategies on how to become a "consultant" rather than a "manager" in a teen's life, how to deal with a teen's uniquely exasperating sleep rhythms, and how to have real conversations with your teen.

Books will be on sale at BookEnds and available at the circulation desk. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate.

### WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK SUPPER

Save the date! Join the International Connections Committee of the Winchester Multicultural Network at our 10th Annual International Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, November 8th from 5:30-8:00 PM in Chidley Hall at the First Congregational Church in Winchester Center.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy food and friends from all over the world. Bring a main dish, salad, or vegetable from your culture that you can share with others, and desserts and beverages will be provided. Admission is free, and there will be a raffle of gift certificates and other items from area businesses. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, call the Multicultural Network office at 781-729-7100 or email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org).

### WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL CHAMBER MUSIC IN THE GALLERY

Winchester Community Music School presents its annual Faculty Chamber Music Concert in collaboration with the Griffin Museum of Photography. The concert will feature the renowned work of Olivier Messiaen "Quartet for the End of Time." The performers include Annegret Klaua, violin; Glenn Dickson, clarinet; Katherine Kayaian, cello; and Barbara Lieurance, piano. The concert compliments the museum's exhibits of photographs by Susan May Tell "A Requiem: Tribute to the Spiritual Space of Auschwitz", Zeva Oelbaum "Hand to Hand" and Jessica M. Kaufman "Panopticon". Tell photographs her personal journey through the solemn landscape of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland; Oelbaum photographs the end pages of rare Hebrew books and Kaufman depicts the surviving grounds of concentration camps.

Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m., Griffin Museum of Photography, 67 Shore Road, Winchester

Free admission and open to the public, freewill donations gratefully accepted. Handicapped accessible.

### Calling All Artists!

FAN's primary fundraiser is FANsplash...a project that will **revitalize Winchester's Borggaard Beach with a Splash Park and much more**. FAN is teaming up with the Winchester Artists Network to commemorate the revitalization efforts by selling personalized tiles to decorate the beach's bathhouse walls. Tiles are on sale for residents. Personalize one as a lasting legacy! For details, visit [www.winrec.com](http://www.winrec.com) or [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org). Register via winrec.com using the registration code: 100-FE-06A.

### WINTON CLUB - *Holiday Fair*

*To benefit Winchester Hospital*

#### MIDNIGHT MADNESS

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 6:00 P.M. TO 12 MIDNIGHT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

*Come see our exciting assortment of holiday gift items for everyone on your shopping list and the much anticipated Winton Club cookbook.*

**WINCHESTER HOSPITAL LOBBY - 41 Highland Avenue - [www.Wintonclub.org](http://www.Wintonclub.org)**

The Winton Club Holiday Fair will be held Wednesday November 19 through Friday, November 21 in the main lobby of Winchester Hospital located at 41 Highland Avenue in Winchester. Hours are 6 p.m. -12 p.m. November 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. November 20 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 21. Fair selections include gifts for everyone on your shopping list – toys and clothing for the little ones, jewelry and accessories for her, specialty food items and seasonal gifts for the host, and gifts for all the special men and women in your lives. And, don't forget to pick up several copies of the brand new Winton Club Cookbook – it's a gift that will be used year round.

Winton Club is a women's non-profit organization devoted to the support of Winchester Hospital. Volunteers operate the hospital gift shop, run a number of special lobby sales like the Holiday Fair and present the Winton cabaret show in late January/early February. Proceeds for all Winton events benefit Winchester Hospital.